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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to strongly support broadband competition. I have been a broadband consumer since 1995, having been a customer of dialup, isdn, dsl, cable, and now fiber services. I upgraded from unbundled DSL to Fiber as soon as it was available at my residence, a big improvement at the same monthly cost for service. My kids especially enjoy video-calling their grandmother across the country, a technology made possible by quality residential fiber broadband.

The step up to Fiber was made possible by the investments made by my small, local internet provider. My ISP is a regional success story, with many local employees, and many happy & loyal customers, my family among them. I know that strong FCC regulations are critical to my ISP's ability to compete with the national monopolists (and their bought-and-paid lobbyists, rent-seekers, and political-appointee chairmen.)

Good, affordable, net-neutral broadband is a critical factor to modern american prosperity and economic power. The US is continuing to slip behind the rest of the world in broadband performance, availability and neutrality. The FCC is responsible for ensuring the competitiveness of the broadband marketplace, driving up performance and driving down price. The american people look to the FCC to represent our will and best interests, and to resist the monopolists.

I urge the FCC to preserve the competitive marketplace that now delivers a choice in affordable, quality broadband for American consumers.

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